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through a committee, we'll just be delaying it. We will not have any more facts than we have now. The punch line should be given now while they are having hearings and those hearings are now scheduled for all agriculture. They included it in the Senate Hearing Committee for February 1st and 2nd. So I am saying that it is urgent that we get as much input immediately as the people have on their HUD programs and others because they did get theirs changed. Ours have not even been considered yet but there is a hearing coming up real quick so if you refer it to a committee you are going to delay it. Other than that, I just wanted to bring you that information. Thank you.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion on Senator Burbach's motion. Senator Schmit, were you asking for the floor? Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I want to support Senator Burbach's motion with the understanding that it's not for the purpose of delay, at least not on my part and I don't think any member of the Legislature, but I again repeat there are other areas besides agriculture. I know of one of the towns in my district who has an application in for federal funds for a water tower. They have had some indication that those funds that they were eligible for are part of the cut back program. I am concerned that that problem is also explored as well as those that have been mentioned. I think in relation to rate that not only we should be concerned with the cut back and the affect it may have on pollution. I think we even ought to go one more step that in the event that those funds are withdrawn, then we begin--we ought to start to look at some of the deadlines which the federal government has imposed through rules and regulations for compliance if no federal funds are available. I also am of the opinion that some programs are appropriately federal because they do affect more than just Nebraska. They affect nation wide. Other programs may well be such that we can handle them within the state. But I think this is a serious question in the state and I think it is one that the Legislature, if we are going to become involved, ought to take the time to fully analyse the alternatives and in no way should that action be taken as one of not concern for those things just happening to agriculture but I think we need to have concern for all of the areas which are being discussed as potential cut back.

SPEAKER: Senator Stahmer and then Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, members of the body, first of all I commend Senator Rasmussen's resolution but I think his best purpose will be served by even additional discussion before a committee because I think that this is of such extreme importance that I think that we should all be knowledgeable, including the urban senators, and with our knowledge then unite in behind these programs that are possibly going to affect the very backbone of this state and I have commented to one or two others that I think I see the handwriting on the wall right now. When Congresses of the future with more and more urban senators, I think there is going to be more and more cut backs on agricultural programs and when these cut backs occur it is going to affect, not only the farmers of this state, it is going to affect Omaha and every city in this state as well. And I think we in the urban areas owe it to those in the rural areas to do everything we can to become knowledgeable with their help and do everything we can to get behind them and call this very important matter to the attention of Congress. If we don't, not only the rural areas will suffer, rest assured the cities of this state will suffer as well.

SPEAKER: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I